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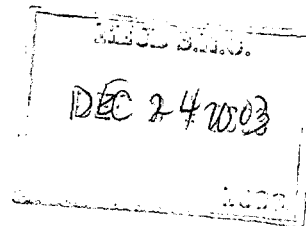
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SLM CORPORATION, 6% Senior Notes due December 15, 2043 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 24, 2003. Tentative listing date - December 30, 2003.

Sincerely,

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